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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/821)]

**46/196. Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in
Central America**

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 644 (1989) of 7 November 1989, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Group in Central America, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Group, the latest of which was resolution 719 (1991) of 6 November 1991,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

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Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Group by certain Member States,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America the amount of 14,400,400 United States dollars gross (13,898,800 dollars net) authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 9 of its resolution 45/247 of 21 December 1990 for the operation of the Group for the period from 7 May to 7 November 1991, inclusive;

4. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States for the period 7 May to 7 November 1991, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 5,400,400 dollars gross (5,398,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 7 November 1990 to 7 May 1991, inclusive;

5. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 12,408,700 dollars gross for the operation of the Group for the period from 7 November 1991 to 30 April 1992, inclusive;

6. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 12,408,700 dollars for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and 45/247, the scale of assessments for the year 1991 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 3,828,970 dollars, which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1991, and the scale of assessments for the year 1992 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 8,579,730 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 30 April 1992, inclusive;

3/ See resolutions 43/223 A, 45/256 B and 46/221 A.

4/ See resolution 46/221 A.

7. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 408,700 dollars approved for the period from 7 November 1991 to 30 April 1992, inclusive; that is, 126,110 dollars, being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1991, and the balance, that is, 282,590 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 30 April 1992, inclusive;

8. Decides further that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

9. Decides that Estonia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

10. Decides also that the Federated States of Micronesia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

11. Decides further that Latvia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

12. Decides that Lithuania shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

13. Decides also that the Marshall Islands shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

14. Decides further that the Republic of Korea shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-sixth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

15. Decides that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the Group

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until 7 November 1991 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 8 to 14 above shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 6 above;

16. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Group at a rate not to exceed 2,071,000 dollars gross (2 million dollars net) per month for the period from 1 May 1992 to 30 April 1993, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Group beyond the period of five months and twenty-three days authorized under its resolution 719 (1991), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

17. Decides that the unencumbered balance of appropriations and the interest and miscellaneous income shall be retained in the Special Account in light of the outstanding assessed contributions;

18. Invites voluntary contributions to the Group in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Group is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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